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SUBJECT: HIGH-LEVEL GROUP OF OECD OIL COMMITTEE

1. SECGEN HAS CALLED MEETING FOR MONDAY AT 11 AM OF HEADS  
OF THOSE DELEGATIONS REPRESENTED ON HIGH-LEVEL GROUP OF OECD  
OIL COMMITTEE. OBJECT OF MEETING IS (A) TO DISCUSS WHETHER  
OR NOT TO ADVANCE MEETING OF HLG NOW SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER  
19, (B) TO DISCUSS WHETHER OR NOT ALL MEMBERS OF HLG SHOULD E  
REQUESTED TO INCLUDE HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATION FROM THEIR  
FOREIGN MINISTRIES ON THEIR DELEGATIONS, AND (C) TO HEAR  
REPORT ON NOVEMBER 1 MEETING OF WANSINK WITH OIL COMPANIES  
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IN LONDON.

2. FROM MISSION'S PERSPECTIVE, ADVANCING THE MEETING DATE FOR THE HLG WOULD PRESENT SEVERAL DISADVANTAGES WITH NO CLEAR OFF-SETTING ADVANTAGE. CHAIRMAN OF OIL COMMITTEE AND HLG (WANSINK) IS IN PROCESS OF PUTTING REPORT TOGETHER ON OIL SUPPLY SITUATION WITH COOPERATION OF OIL COMPANIES (SEPTEL). IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THIS REPORT, WHICH WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE INPUT TO MEETING, WILL BE READY MUCH BEFORE NOVEMBER 19. MOREOVER, IF MEETING DATE IS MOVED FORWARD, THIS IS LIKELY TO BECOME PUBLICLY KNOWN WITH THE DANGER THAT UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS MAY BE CREATED ABOUT JOINT MEASURES BEING CONTEMPLATED BY OECD MEMBERS.

3. SO FAR AS WE KNOW, PROPOSAL FOR ADVANCING MEETING DATE ORIGINATES WITH SECGEN. NETHERLANDS DELEGATION INFORMS US IT DID NOT REQUEST A CHANGE IN DATES AND THAT THE HAGUE GENERALLY AGREES WITH MISSION'S VIEW. UK DELEGATION ALSO AGREES.

4. ITEM B) ABOVE APPARENTLY STEMS FROM SECGEN'S CONCERN THAT SOME DELEGATIONS TO HLG HAVE LESS FLEXIBILITY THAN IS DESIRABLE BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF HIGH-LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS WHO COULD PARTICIPATE IN GIVE AND TAKE RATHER THAN MAKING THEIR VIEWS KNOWN ONLY THROUGH INSTRUCTIONS. AS STATE DEPT TRADITIONALLY PROVIDES REPRESENTATIVE FOR HLG AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL, THIS POSES NO PROBLEM FOR US. IN MISSION'S VIEW, WE SHOULD REAFFIRM OUR INTENTION TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION WHILE LETTING SECGEN CARRY THE BALL AS FAR AS OTHER DELEGATIONS ARE CONCERNED.

5. IF WASHINGTON HAS ADDITIONAL OR OTHER VIEWS ON POSITION MISSION SHOULD TAKE AT MEETING CALLED BY SECGEN, REQUEST WE BE INFORMED NO LATER THAN 9 AM NOVEMBER 5.  
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